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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/586,292	Applicant(s) TEY ET AL.	
	Examiner Pablo N. Tran	Art Unit 2618	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-7 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ammar et al. (hereinafter “Ammar”, US Pat. No. 20050124307).

As per claim 8, Ammar disclosed a RF unit comprising a tuner (see Fig. 3/no. 114b), a demodulator (see Fig. 3/no. 172) and a mixer (see Fig. 3/no. 122, 154), wherein the tuner or the tuner and the mixer are arranged on a first substrate (see Fig. 1/no. 102) and the mixer and the demodulator or the demodulator are arranged on a second substrate (see Fig. 3/no. 106), wherein the RF unit further comprises a housing having a single frame (see Fig. 3/no. 100) at least partly accommodating the first and/or second substrates, wherein the first and second substrates are arranged on respective different levels, and that means are provided to maintain a predetermined distance between the first and the second substrate.

As per claim 9, Ammar disclosed wherein connectors are provided, connecting the first and the second substrate (see paragraph, 0005).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ammar et al. (hereinafter "Ammar", US Pat. No. 20050124307) and in view of Hayles (WO 92/03031A1).

As per claim 9, Ammar disclosed such connection for the first and second substrates (see paragraph, 0005, 0055) but not explicitly a connector. However, Hayles disclose such stacked substrates and wherein connectors are provided for connecting substrates (see Fig. 7, pg 5/ln. 1-pg. 9/ln. 8). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention for Ammar to utilize such circuitries arrangement, as taught by Hayles, to provide such high density packaging in order to reduce space.

As per claim 10, the modified apparatus of Ammar and Hayles further disclosed the connectors are provided along at least one side of the respective first and/or second substrate in an essentially linear arrangement (see Hayles, Fig. 5, 7).

As per claim 11, the modified apparatus of Ammar and Hayles further disclosed means maintaining a predetermined distance between the first and the second substrate include the connectors (see Hayles, Fig. 5, 7).

As per claim 12, the modified apparatus of Ammar and Hayles further disclosed the housing is shielding electromagnetic radiation. (see Hayles, Fig. 5, 7).

As per claim 13, the modified apparatus of Ammar and Hayles further disclosed the first and the second substrates are separated by an intermediate shielding. (see Hayles, pg. 1/ln. 6-21, pg 5/ln. 1-pg. 9/ln. 8).

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pablo Tran whose telephone number is (571)272-7898. The examiner normal hours are 9:30 -5:00 (Monday-Friday). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban, can be reached at (571)272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

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September 10, 2008

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